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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Melanie Ann Pustay, Deputy Director
Office of Information and Privacy
Suite 570, Flag Building
Department of Justice
Washington, Dc 20530-0001

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Dear Ms. Pustay:

Under provisions with the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C., Sec. 552, I am requesting the following information from the Department of Justice:

Any and all correspondence and e-mails between the National Rifle Association, including correspondence from James Jay Baker, Executive Director, and Attorney General Ashcroft, and employees of his office, including Counselor to the Attorney General Adam Ciongoli, former Acting Deputy Attorney General and current US Attorney Robert Mueller, and the following Justice Department officials involved in the Bush transition: Alex Acosta, Sheldon Bradshaw, R. Ted Cruz, Paul J. McNulty, Phil Perry, Johnny Sutton and Carl Thorsen.

Any and all appointments between officials of the National Rifle Association, including James Jay Baker, Executive director, and Attorney General Ashcroft and employees of his office, including Counselor to the Attorney General Adam Ciongoli, Chief of Staff David Ayers, and Deputy Chief of Staff David Israelite.

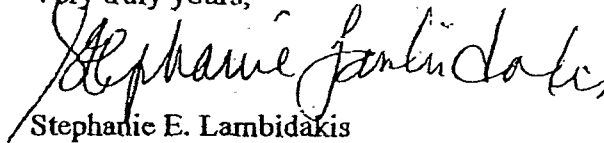
As you know, the Freedom of Information Act provides that if portions of a document are exempt from release, the remainder must be segregated and disclosed. Therefore, I will expect you to send me all non-exempt portions of the records I have requested as soon as they are deemed releasable.

As I am making this request in my capacity as a journalist and this information is of timely value, I would appreciate your communicating with me by telephone if you have any questions about this request. You can contact me at (202) 457-4381.

The Act provides for waiver or reduction of fees if disclosure could be considered primarily "benefiting the general public." I am a journalist employed by CBS News, and intend to use the information as the basis for one or more stories on my network.

If any part of this request is denied, please cite the specific portion of the statute that you believe justifies the denial, and indicate what administrative appeal is available to me.

Very truly yours,



Stephanie E. Lambidakis

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